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JAPAN.

*Plague, smallpox, and typhus.*YOKOHAMA, *March 13, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease in Japan, for period February 23 to March 12, inclusive, in which I beg to call your attention to the diminution in the number of cases of smallpox for this period of 17 days, as compared with that during the corresponding term, February 5 to February 22, covered by my last report, the reduction amounting to 27 per cent.

The following shows the occurrence of smallpox in Yokohama and its suburbs from March 4 to March 12, inclusive:

March 4, 14 cases, 1 death; March 5, 13 cases, 4 deaths; March 6, 5 cases, 2 deaths; March 7, 5 cases, 3 deaths; March 8, 23 cases, 5 deaths; March 9, 11 cases, 1 death; March 10, 11 cases, 3 deaths; March 11, 9 cases, no deaths; March 12, 9 cases, 3 deaths. Total, 100 cases, 22 deaths.

A few cases of typhus are reported in Tokyo, but I have been unable to obtain statistics. Typhus is, at all times, a rare disease in Japan, though, many years ago, I met with a brief and limited epidemic in a remote country district, which, in its malignancy and enormously high mortality, recalled the typhus of a century ago.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Report of smallpox and plague in Japan from February 23 to March 12, 1897.

Locality.	Smallpox.		Locality.	Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.		Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....	70	21	Nagano Ken.....	54	11
Osaka Fu.....	885	479	Nagasaki Ken.....	38	11
Tokyo Fu.....	714	(*)	Nara Ken.....	203	35
Aichi Ken.....	95	10	Niigata Ken.....	.....	.....
Akita Ken.....	.....	.....	Oita Ken.....	27	8
Awomori Ken.....	10	.....	Okayama Ken.....	122	42
Chiba Ken.....	292	70	Okinawa Ken.....	74	40
Fukui Ken.....	40	9	Saga Ken.....	3	3
Fukuoka Ken.....	403	66	Saitama Ken.....	989	208
Fukushima Ken.....	60	8	Shidzuoka Ken.....	305	72
Gifu Ken.....	23	4	Shiga Ken.....	19	8
Gumma Ken.....	69	12	Shimane Ken.....	5	.....
Hioo Ken.....	206	88	Tochigi Ken.....	.....	.....
Hiroshima Ken.....	.....	.....	Tokushima Ken.....	455	115
Ibaraki Ken.....	196	16	Tottori Ken.....	51	7
Ishikawa Ken.....	2	1	Toyama Ken.....	35	12
Iwate Ken.....	11	2	Wakayama Ken.....	.....	.....
Kagawa Ken.....	.....	.....	Yamagata Ken.....	.....	.....
Kagoshima Ken.....	14	6	Yamaguchi Ken.....	54	6
Kanagawa Ken (Yokohama)...	347	84	Yamanashi Ken.....	14	2
Kochi Ken.....	53	11	Yehime Ken.....	42	7
Kumamoto Ken.....	5	1	The Hokkaido.....	21	5
Miyagi Ken.....	162	38	Taiwan (Formosa)†.....	.....	.....
Miyazaki Ken.....	72	19			
Miye Ken.....	75	16	Totals.....	6,315	1,553

* No report.

† Three cases of plague; no report of deaths.

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